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## COLOMBIA.

*Report from Bocas del Toro, fruit port.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports as follows, week ended April 21, 1904: No deaths. Prevailing diseases, malarial fever and an epidemic of whooping cough. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected
Apr. 17	Baker .....	New Orleans .....	42	0	0	0
18	Admiral Dewey .....	Boston, via Limon, Costa Rica.	57	0	0	0
20	Hispania .....	Mobile .....	22	2	0	0
21	Fort Morgan .....	do .....	25	0	0	0

## COSTA RICA.

*Reports from Limon, fruit port—Yellow fever at Alajuela.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Goodman reports as follows: Week ended April 16, 1904. Estimated population, 4,000; number of deaths, 10; prevailing diseases, tuberculosis and malarial fever.

From inspections of the inmates and records of the three hospitals, and from frequent inquiries made of the practicing physicians here, I am unable to find any evidence of quarantinable or infectious diseases in this port or immediate vicinity.

The last case of yellow fever on record was discharged, cured, from the hospital of the United Fruit Company March 25, 1904.

Yellow fever exists at Alajuela, an interior village, a few miles west of San José, Costa Rica.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Apr. 9	Venus .....	34	0	0	0
10	Preston .....	31	0	0	0
11	Siberia .....	55	20	9	0
12	Admiral Farragut .....	54	13	0	0
14	Mount Vernon .....	21	0	0	0
15	Atlanten .....	22	0	0	0
16	Alps .....	25	0	0	0

Week ended April 24, 1904.

Prevailing diseases malarial fever and intestinal affections of children. Last week I reported the presence of yellow fever in Alajuela, Costa Rica. This village is the western terminus of the Costa Rican Railroad, this port being the eastern terminus, 120 miles apart. There is very little traffic between the two places. Alajuela is over 3,000 feet above sea level, and four years ago had a similar outbreak of yellow fever. To date, 11 cases have been reported with 6 deaths. I have not been able to find any case of yellow fever in Limon.